

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**MARCH 15, 2015**

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**EGO**

+ LENT 2015 +



**THE PEOPLES CHURCH**

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823  
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**SUNDAY  
MORNING**

**8:30 a.m.**

Worship Service, Chapel

**9:30 a.m.**

Adult Sunday School  
Children's Chapel  
Confirmation Class  
PCYG Open Hang Out  
Peoples Forum

**9:45 a.m.**

Carol Choir Rehearsal

**10:30 a.m.**

Worship Service, Sanctuary  
Children's Sunday School

**11:30 a.m.**

Coppertone Rehearsal  
Campus Ministry\*

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**WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT LIVE!**

**5:30 p.m.**

Community Meal

**6:00 p.m.**

Dance 149\*  
Youth Choir Rehearsal

**6:30 p.m.**

#TPCgenesis | Adult Formation  
Faith Builders | Children's Education  
Peoples Church Youth Group  
Youth Class

*\*off this week*

## CHURCH OFFICE

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## COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room.

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# TALENT SHOW MAY 3

The Peoples Church Annual Talent Show is happening on May 3 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service! Performers of all ages can sign up to share their talent by contacting Betsy Aho at 517-332-5073 x6074 or eaho@thepeopleschurch.com. Mark your calendar - you won't want to miss this fun and popular event.



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 P.M. COMMUNITY MEAL

**MAR. 18** | Chicken Tortellini Soup,  
Rosemary Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes &  
Gravy, Green Beans, Baked Apples and  
Frozen Vanilla Yogurt



# MAKE A GIFT ONLINE

[ThePeoplesChurch.com/Give](https://ThePeoplesChurch.com/Give)

**ALL ARE WELCOME** | *Whether you are young or old, rich or poor, doubtful or hopeful ... no matter where you are in your faith journey, YOU are welcome here. For those with children, be assured that noises and wiggling are signs of a church that is alive and growing; your entire family is welcome in worship.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | MARCH 15, 2015

**Prelude** "Beneath the Cross" arr. Dale Wood

**Welcome to The Peoples Church!** Rev. Andrew Pomerville

**Lenten Call to Worship** Kayleigh Rust, Confirmation Student

Leader: For God so loved the world;  
**People: The sparrows, the mountain lions,  
 the fish and the people.**

Leader: For God so loved the world;  
**People: In success and failure,  
 in sickness and health,  
 in faith and in doubt.**

Leader: For God so loved the world;  
**People: Enough to become one of us,  
 enough to suffer along with us,  
 enough to offer new life for us.**

Leader: For God so loved the world;  
**People: Let us worship God!**

**Gathering Hymn** "Arise, Your Light Has Come!" **No. 744**  
*(Please stand if able.)*

**Procession of the Light of Christ** Karli Gonzales & Kayla Michael, acolytes

**Old Testament Reading** Numbers 21:4-9  
 (Pew Bible Page 155, Large Print Page 220)

**Celebration of Holy Communion** (8:30 a.m.)

**Anthem** (10:30 a.m.)

“The Walk to Calvary”  
Carol Choir Directed by Elizabeth Reed

N. Anderson

**Children’s Moment** (10:30 a.m.)

**Passing the Peace of Christ** *(Please stand if able.)*

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Children are dismissed to participate in Sunday School at this time. (10:30 a.m.)  
They will return to the Sanctuary during the Closing Hymn.*

**New Testament Reading**

John 3:14-21  
(Pew Bible Page 1,065, Large Print Page 1,617)

**Sermon**

“Loss as Rebellion Against Ego”

Rev. Andrew Pomerville



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**Hymn**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

**No.223**

**Prayers of the People**

*(During the pastoral prayer there will be a time to offer prayers of joy and concern, voiced aloud or silently for and on behalf of others.)*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Thanksgiving and Celebration of Gifts and Talents**

**Offertory Music** (10:30 a.m.)

“Be Thou a Smooth Way”

Ralph M. Johnson

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

**Act of Praise** *(Please stand if able.)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## ***Prayer of Dedication***

**Loving God, giver of all light and life,  
you sent Jesus Christ into the world  
not to condemn, but to save.  
Help us to lift up the light of Christ  
so that the world might believe in him  
and receive the gift of eternal life;  
through Christ, the light of the world.**

***Sending Hymn***                      "Come Seek the Ways of Wisdom"                      **No. 174**

***Benediction*** *(Please stand if able.)*

***Choral Lenten Response***      "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (Verse 1)                      **No. 775**

*I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

***Postlude***                              "Choral Song"    Samuel Wesley

### ***Today's Floral Dedication***

*Given in memory of John Kreer from the Kreer and Bratzel families.*

### **NEW MEMBERS CLASS | APR. 12**

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of our faith family here at The Peoples Church? We encourage you to join us for our next New Members Class. The 90-minute class will be hosted in the Robertson Room following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on April 12. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend and indicate if you will need childcare. We look forward to meeting with you!



## CONNECT

### WE ARE MAKING A NEW PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

*Smile!* It's that time again. Production of the The Peoples Church 2015 pictorial directory is underway. All members and friends are invited to have a family photo taken to be included as part of this celebration of our faith community. Lifetouch photographers will be on site to take photos March 24-28, 30 & 31, April 14 & 15, and May 1. **Stop by the sign up table in Friendship Hall to schedule your portrait session.** There are no sitting fees and each family will receive a free 8x10 portrait (as well as a directory when it is published this fall). Lifetouch does offer photo packages for those interested. You may also make an appointment at [ThePeoplesChurch.com](http://ThePeoplesChurch.com) or by contacting Phyllis Grummon in the church office at 517-332-5073.



### 'SHINING MOMENTS' NOMINATIONS AND APPRECIATION EVENT

You are invited to help celebrate the inspiring people, programs and projects that have made our faith family shine with the light of Christ during the past year. Using our community pillars of CONNECT, GROW, SERVE and SHARE, members and friends are invited to nominate one or more of their peers who they feel have made a positive mark in the life of The Peoples Church during the past year. All nominees will be recognized at an appreciation reception on April 17 in Snider Social Hall. The reception will be followed by a free folk music concert in the sanctuary featuring local artists *Seth and May* and *Gifts or Creatures*. Keep an eye out for more details about this wonderful celebration. Shining Moments nominations are available at the Welcome Center or [ThePeoplesChurch.com](http://ThePeoplesChurch.com). Nominations are due to the church office no later than Good Friday, April 3.



## SHARE

### PEOPLES CHURCH GOLF OUTING

Do you love to Golf? Would you be willing to participate on a committee to plan and host a Peoples Church Golf Outing this spring? The Welcome Ministry would like to bring you the 2nd Annual Peoples Church Golf Outing, but needs a willing group of people to help. Jobs include recruiting and organizing golfers,

planning the golf portion of the outing, planning the celebration part of the outing and acquiring donations for goody bags and prizes. Sound fun? Fill out the sign-up form on the back page of this bulletin to volunteer. Thanks in advance for your help!

### DONATE YOUR USED BOOKS

The library committee has started collecting books for its annual Used Book Sale this May. Donations may be left on the stage in Snider Social Hall at any time. Please, no magazines.



## GROW

### GENESIS IN 40 DAYS | MAR. 18

Pastor Andrew and Betsy Aho will lead a review of readings from our community Lenten Bible study of Genesis each week during *Wednesday Night Live!* Discussion will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Come early to enjoy our weekly *WNL!* Community Meal, served at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall. For more information, including a reading calendar, visit [ThePeoplesChurch.com](http://ThePeoplesChurch.com)

### PEOPLES FORUM | MAR. 22

Join us next Sunday as we welcome Emily Gerkin, Vice President for Marketing at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, to discuss the wonders of our beloved home state ... "Pure Michigan."



### THURSDAYS WITH JESUS

#### POTLUCK CELEBRATION | MAR. 26

Thursdays With Jesus, a Bible Study for women, began in the fall of 2001 under the guidance of Carol Dooley and Bev Mason. Carol and Bev will no longer be the leaders after March of this year. It's been an amazing time of fellowship, study, prayer and discussions working out God's word for our own lives while supporting and loving one another. We would like to invite all who have ever studied with us to gather for a potluck dinner on March 26 in the Robertson Room at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Susan Coopes at [gcoopes@wowway.com](mailto:gcoopes@wowway.com) or 517-349-0450 or Jan Perron at [rperron631@aol.com](mailto:rperron631@aol.com) or 517-337-2656.

### GREAT DECISIONS:

#### U.S. POLICY TOWARD AFRICA | MAR. 26

All are welcome to be a part of the next "Great Decisions" discussion set for 4:30 p.m. on Mar. 26 in the Robertson Room. Join us as Dr. David Wiley, MSU professor of sociology and African studies and former director of the African Studies Center, discusses the question: "How can U.S. policy live up to its promise and values while securing its interests in the region?" Africa is in the midst of an unprecedented transformation. The continent is home to some of the fastest growing economies in the world. Eight topics are chosen each year as the most critical issues facing America. Study books are available in the Church Office for \$16 each and at the Mar. 26 program.



## SERVE

### THE KNITTING PEOPLE | MAR. 26

The Knitting People will meet on Mar. 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Robertson Room. We invite interested knitters to join us! We have patterns and yarn, and we welcome your knitting fingers as we work to bring warmth and care to area residents in need. Bring completed projects for blessing and distribution to local schools and shelters. Questions? Contact Mary Anne at 517-214-1487.

### HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

We will help families in the greater Lansing area have a wonderful meal on Easter Sunday and need volunteer drivers to deliver food baskets from 8:30 to 11 a.m. on Apr. 4. Questions? Contact Joan Wright at 517-349-1074.

**SIGN UP** | *Return forms to Offertory Plate on Sunday or the Church Office during the week.*

### EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS

\_\_\_ Yes, I (We) would like to help the sanctuary come alive with Lilies on Easter morning. Please accept my gift of \$20 in support of the Sanctuary Decoration Fund.



- In Memory of                       In Celebration of  
 In Honor of                               To the Glory of God

**RESERVATION DEADLINE  
IS MONDAY, MARCH 30**

**Dedication** (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Given By** (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

### YES! I WOULD LIKE TO HELP PLAN PEOPLES CHURCH GOLF OUTING

- I am interested in helping to recruit and organize golfers.  
 I am interested in helping to plan the golf portion of the outing.  
 I am interested in helping to plan the celebration part of the outing.  
 I am interested in helping to acquire donations for goody bags and prizes.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### YES! I WANT TO HELP DELIVER EASTER FOOD BASKETS

- I will drive to deliver Easter Food Baskets on Apr. 4.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_